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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed January 15, 2001. This amendment is accompanied by a petition in which Applicants request a one month extension of time, to and including May 15, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 48.

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have included herewith pages showing the markups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing, respectively.

1.(twice amended) A method of identifying DNA responsible for conferring a phenotype of a *C. elegans* cell or organism, which method comprises

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